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BOROUGH OF FAVERSHAM

Municipal Offices,  
July, 1965.

Mr Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Borough for 1964 including a report on the Port Health Area.

The estimated mid-year population for the Borough is given by the Registrar General as 13,500 which shows an increase of 160 over the figure given for 1963. This population rise is a reflection of the increase in the number of inhabited houses at the end of the year, which was 54.

In the section of my Report dealing with vital statistics there are no abnormal trends. There was a drop in the births from 253 in 1963 to 226 but this latter figure is comparable to the 215 births in 1962. The corrected birthrate is identical with that for England and Wales.

The number of deaths assignable to Faversham was 188, with an average age at death of 74.6 years. The corrected death rate for the Borough compares very favourably with that for England and Wales as a whole.

The number of infectious disease cases notified in 1964 was 141, two more than in 1963. Included in this total were 81 cases of measles. The number of cases of whooping cough rose sharply from 3 in 1963 to 36 last year.

The general routine inspection work of the Department continued throughout the year. In May and June an outbreak of typhoid in Aberdeen gave rise to considerable activity in the Department. Over 200 visits were made to various food premises to trace cans of corned beef bearing certain code marks. A number of these were found and returned to the wholesale distributors.

The opening of the swimming baths during the year was welcomed for providing additional healthy recreational facilities for the Borough. There are minor health hazards associated with swimming

baths but these are far outweighed by the advantages gained by having swimming facilities available locally.

I would like to thank the staff of the Health Department for carrying out their duties efficiently and tactfully during the year. Mr Bampton, your Senior Public Health Inspector, is responsible in my absence for the daily administration of the Department.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their courtesy and support throughout the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant

J. T. MURPHY

Medical Officer of Health

## SECTION I

### STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

#### CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall during the year was 22.82 inches as compared with 26.8 inches in 1963 and 21.68 inches in 1962.

Maximum and Minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A".

#### AREA

The Borough of Faversham covers an area of 3,070 acres, and includes the villages of Davington and Preston.

#### POPULATION

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1964 as 13,500, an increase of 160 from the estimated population for the previous year, i.e. 13,340.

#### NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1964 was 4,924 as compared with 4,870 at the end of 1963. Towards this increase 31 houses were provided by the Council and 35 were constructed privately. During the year 12 houses were demolished. The net increase in habitable houses was 54.

#### RATEABLE VALUE

£479,337 compared with £456,130 on the 31st December, 1963.

#### SUM REPRESENTED BY THE PENNY RATE

£1,911 10s. 11d., compared with £1,815 10s. 11d., for the financial year 1963/64.

SECTION II  
VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Legitimate ... ..	112 (124)	97 (118)	209 (242)
Illegitimate ... ..	13 ( 5)	4 ( 6)	17 ( 11)
 <u>TOTALS</u>	 125 (129)	 101 (124)	 226 (253)

BIRTH RATE

The crude birth rate per 1,000 population .....	16.7 (18.9)
The corrected birth rate .....	18.4 (20.8)
Rate for England and Wales .....	18.4 (18.2)

STILL BIRTHS

Number of still births .....	2 ( 6)
Number of live and still births .....	228 ( 259)
Rate per 1,000 live and still births .....	8.8 (23.2)
Rate for England and Wales .....	16.3 (17.3)

INFANT DEATHS

Number of infant deaths (under one year) .....	4 ( 6)
Infant mortality rate: per 1,000 live births .....	17.7 (23.7)
Rate for England and Wales .....	20.0 (20.9)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	19.1 (24.8)
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births .....	- (90.9)
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 live births .....	13.3 (11.8)
Number of early neo-natal deaths (first week) .....	2 ( 3)
Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .	8.8 (11.8)

Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births) .....	17.5 (34.7)
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#### ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

Number of illegitimate live births .....	17 ( 11)
This is 7.5% of total live births.	

#### MATERNAL DEATHS

Number of maternal deaths (including abortion) .....	Nil
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#### DEATHS

Number of deaths assignable to Faversham .....	188 ( 239)
The crude death rate per 1,000 population .....	10.2 (17.9)
The corrected death rate .....	6.8 (12.0)
Rate for England and Wales .....	11.3 (12.2)
Average age at death .....	74.6 (72.9)
Average age at death for males .....	72.7 (70.9)
Average age at death for females .....	76.7 (74.5)
Oldest death - female 98 years (98)	
Number of deaths at Bensted House assignable to Borough .....	64 ( 82)

The following table shows the age groups in which the deaths occurred:

TABLE I

SEX	Und 1	1+	5+	15+	25+	35+	45+	55+	65+	Over 75	TOTALS
MALES	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	18	24	51	96
FEMALES	4	-	-	-	-	2	1	8	17	60	92

Table II shows the number of deaths, births and infant mortality rates since 1955 and Table III the causes of death during 1964 classified by the Registrar General under 36 headings on the abbreviated list of the International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death.

TABLE II

Year	BIRTHS			DEATHS		INFANT MORTALITY	
	Illegitimate births	Total live births	Crude birth rate	No. of deaths	Crude death rate	Total infant deaths	Infant mortality rate
1955	5	190	15.4	227	18.4	5	26.3
1956	6	180	14.6	226	21.6	11	61.1
1957	6	223	18.1	258	20.9	8	35.9
1958	5	211	17.1	195	15.8	4	18.9
1959	9	199	16.0	206	16.6	3	15.1
1960	8	236	18.9	233	18.9	6	25.4
1961	8	213	16.4	253	19.7	8	37.5
1962	13	215	16.4	237	18.0	4	18.6
1963	11	253	18.9	239	17.9	6	23.7
1964	17	226	16.7	188	10.2	4	17.7

TABLE III

CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory .....	2(1)	1(-)	1(1)
2. Tuberculosis, other .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
3. Syphilitic disease .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
4. Diphtheria .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
5. Whooping Cough .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
6. Meningococcal infections .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
7. Acute Poliomyelitis .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
8. Measles .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach .....	4(4)	2(-)	6(4)
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	6(4)	1(4)	7(8)
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast .....	-(-)	2(4)	2(4)
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
14. Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	15(9)	7(12)	22(21)
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia .....	-(-)	1(-)	1(-)
16. Diabetes .....	2(1)	-(1)	2(2)
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous system ....	19(31)	34(47)	53(78)
18. Coronary disease, angina .....	17(13)	14(13)	31(26)
19. Hypertension with heart disease .....	1(1)	1(1)	2(2)
20. Other heart disease .....	15(22)	13(29)	28(51)
21. Other circulatory disease .....	2(3)	4(9)	6(12)
22. Influenza .....	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)
23. Pneumonia .....	2(2)	2(3)	4(5)
24. Bronchitis .....	1(2)	1(-)	2(2)
25. Other diseases of respiratory system .	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .....	1(-)	-(1)	1(1)
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea .....	-(1)	-(-)	-(1)
28. Nephritis and nephrosis .....	-(-)	1(2)	1(2)
29. Hyperplasia of prostate .....	1(-)	-(-)	1(-)
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....	-(-)	-(-)	-(-)
31. Congenital malformations .....	-(-)	1(1)	1(1)
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4(4)	7(7)	11(11)
33. Motor vehicle accidents .....	1(1)	-(1)	1(2)
34. All other accidents .....	4(1)	-(1)	4(2)
35. Suicide .....	-(1)	-(1)	-(2)
26. Homicide and operations of war .....	-( -)	-( -)	-( -)
TOTALS	96(102)	92(137)	188(239)

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during the year are as follows:

TABLE IV

CAUSES OF DEATH	SEX	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
1a Prematurity (Twins)	F	1 hour	Hospital
1a Prematurity (Twins)	F	1 hour	Hospital
1a Kernicterus	F	1 week	Hospital
1a Multiple Congenital abnormalities of brain (Microcephaly, Fusion of frontal lobes, absent corpus callosum) II Median harelip and cleft palate (operation satis- factory)	F	7 months	Hospital

### SECTION III

#### INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

##### NOTIFICATION

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1964 was 141 being two more than in the previous year, i.e. 139 cases in 1963.

##### GENERAL

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to Hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table VI. Table VII gives a resumé of the last ten years.

TABLE V

DISEASE	-1	-5	-15	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60	Over 60	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Dysentery	-	4	4	-	1	1	1	-	-	11
Acute Encephalitis	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	3	38	39	1	-	-	-	-	-	81
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	3
Whooping Cough	5	15	15	-	-	1	-	-	-	36
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	4
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

TABLE VI

Disease	No. of Cases		Admission to Hospital or Sanatorium	Deaths
	1964	1963		
Scarlet Fever	3	3	-	-
Measles	81	118	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	-	-
Pneumonia	3	2	2	4
Dysentery	11	3	-	-
Encephalitis	1	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	36	3	-	-
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	4	6	3	1
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	1	-
TOTALS	140	139	7	5

TABLE VII

DISEASE	1955	'56	'57	'58	'59	'60	'61	'62	'63	'64
Scarlet Fever	4	7	6	15	9	15	10	8	3	3
Whooping Cough	5	14	202	3	13	29	-	-	3	36
Measles	447	2	74	360	46	12	526	76	118	81
Acute Poliomyelitis	4	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pneumonia	17	18	23	24	27	3	15	4	2	3
Food Poisoning	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-

## TUBERCULOSIS

### Incidence and deaths

Four cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, being two less than in the preceding year.

One case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified.

One death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis occurred during the period.

Table VIII shows the number of cases notified and the deaths attributed to Tuberculosis since 1955:

TABLE VIII

YEAR	No. of Primary notifications received		DEATHS		Death rate per 10,000 population	
	PUL.	NON-PUL.	PUL.	NON-PUL.	PUL.	NON-PUL.
1955	1	-	2	-	0.8	-
1956	11	1	-	-	-	-
1957	4	1	1	-	0.8	-
1958	4	-	-	-	-	-
1959	8	1	-	-	-	-
1960	5	-	-	-	-	-
1961	3	1	-	-	-	-
1962	5	3	1	1	0.8	0.8
1963	6	2	1	-	0.75	-
1964	4	1	1	-	0.74	-

## Tuberculosis Register

The number and types of cases at present in the Borough and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table IX

TABLE IX

	PULMONARY		NON-PUL		TOTALS
	M	F	M	F	
On Tuberculosis Register 1/1/64	39	17	5	4	65
Notified in Borough	3	1	-	1	5
Trans. to Borough	1	2	-	-	3
Trans. from Borough	1	-	1	-	2
Deaths	-	1	-	-	1
Recovered	2	1	-	1	4
Balance Remaining on Register 31/12/64	40	18	4	4	66

## Chest Clinic, South Road

Set out below are details of cases of tuberculosis under treatment or supervision of the above clinic, at the 31st December, 1964.

(a) Number of cases of tuberculosis (whether notified or not)

RESPIRATORY				NON-RESPIRATORY			
Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total
56	60	2	118	8	7	7	20

(b) Number of cases of respiratory tuberculosis (whether notified or not) included in (a), new to the clinic (but excluding transfers from other clinics).

Total area of disease not exceeding -	NOT BACTERIOLOGICALLY CONFIRMED				BACTERIOLOGICALLY CONFIRMED			
	Men	Women	Children	Total	Men	Women	Children	Total
1/3 lung	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
2/3 lung	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
exceeding 2/3 lung	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1
Totals	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	1

(c) Number of cases included in (a) whose broncho-pulmonary secretion was positive during the year ..... 2

#### Clinic Attendance

I am indebted to Dr O. Clarke, for the following particulars regarding patients from the Borough:

- (a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended any of the Chest Clinics during 1964 (this includes contacts, etc.) ... 287
- (b) Total number of attendances during the year by the above patients ... 522
- (c) Number of patients from the Borough who received treatment at Keycol Hospital ... 3

# IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

## Vaccination Against Poliomyelitis

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccination against Poliomyelitis:

TABLE X

YEAR OF BIRTH	THIRD AND FOURTH DOSE (SALK and ORAL)	THREE ORALS (COMPLETE COURSE)
1964	11	36
1963	1	156
1962	-	51
1961	5	18
1949-60	158	27
1933-48	2	19
Others	-	8

Tables XI and XII show the diphtheria and whooping cough immunisation and smallpox vaccination figures for 1964, based on returns submitted to the County Medical Officer.

TABLE XI

Year of Birth	Diphtheria Immunisation Primary Reinforcing		Whooping Cough Immunisation Primary
1964	77	-	77
1963	130	20	127
1962	36	110	36
1961	3	39	2
1960	5	30	2
1955-59	3	151	1
1950-54	-	2	-
TOTALS	254	342	245

TABLE XII

Primary Vaccination 1 Year	Re-Vaccination School Age but Under 8 Years
134	1

## SECTION IV

### GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

#### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These services include the Care of Mothers and young children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation, Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Help Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:

#### Clinics and Sessions

(a) <u>Queen's Hall</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
Child Welfare .....	Tuesday and Friday .....	2-4 p.m.
(Immunisation and Vaccination are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Friday afternoons, if required)		
(b) <u>School Clinic</u>		
<u>Solomon's Lane</u>		
Ante-Natal Clinic and Relaxation Classes .....	Friday .....	2-4 p.m.
Minor Ailment Clinic ...	(Wednesday - { 2nd & 4th { Wed. of month	3.30-4.30 p.m.
Dental Gas Clinic .....	Tuesday .....	10.30-12 noon
Dental .....	(Tuesday (Thursday .....	1.30-4 p.m. 9.30-12 noon 1.30-4 p.m.

(c) Chest Clinic

South Road ..... Thursday (by appointment)

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at 44 East Street, Faversham, Monday - Friday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This Clinic is held every Thursday at 5.0 p.m. Appointments are made through St Augustine's Hospital.

SCHOOL HEALTH

The following is a summary of the returns for 1964 for the area comprising the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough, the Urban Districts of Sheerness and Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural Districts of Sheppy and Swale.

Medical Inspection

(a)	Number of children inspected (periodic inspection) .....	4,926
(b)	Number found to require treatment .....	913
(c)	Percentage requiring treatment .....	18.9%

Classification of General Condition of Pupils

No. of Pupils Inspected	ROUTINE SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTIONS			
	Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected			
	Satisfactory		Un-satisfactory	
	No. (2)	% of Col.1 (3)	No. (4)	% of Col.1 (5)
(1)				
4,926	4,923	99.9	3	0.1

### Dental Inspection and Treatment

(a) Number of children inspected .....	3,324
(b) Number found to require treatment .....	2,718
(c) Percentage requiring treatment .....	80.4%

### Infestation with Vermin

(a) Total number of examinations in the schools by the School Nurses and other authorised persons .....	9,455
(b) Total number of individual pupils found to be infested	78
(c) Number of individual pupils in respect of which clean- sing notices were issued (Section 54(2), Education Act, 1944) .....	2

SECTION V

REMOVAL OF AGED PERSONS

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47

National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

No aged person was removed under the above Acts, during the year.

## SECTION VI

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

#### WATER SUPPLY

There have been no major extensions or renewals to the main water supply within the Borough during the past year. There have been minor extensions to provide for residential development, in particular at Davington and Cratloe.

Responsibility for the supply of water to the Borough now rests with the Mid-Kent Water Company, who have established a local office in Stone Street.

Fifteen samples of water were submitted to the laboratories for chemical and bacteriological testing. Thirteen of these were for chemical and bacteriological examination and the remaining two for bacteriological only. One of the samples of drinking water was reported as contaminated, although not of a faecal nature, subsequently site works were carried out to improve this supply.

#### DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

The Bysing Wood Drainage Scheme was in operation during last year.

The village of Oare has been connected to this scheme and the sewage from the village is pumped to the Main Disposal Works for treatment.

The Trade Waste Survey has been carried out and certain premises will be allowed to connect to the public sewers following agreements whilst others will require pre-treatment works before acceptance of their effluent can be entertained.

Tenders for the new pumping station at Quay Lane to replace the old ejector station have been received and the contractors have commenced the construction works.

A further new pumping station is now in operation for the collection of the sewage from the new housing estate at Priory Leas

and pumping to the existing council sewers via the sewers in Davington Court Estate.

The Council have agreed to carry out works to the modernisation of the Main Sewerage Works together with renewal of sewers in the Flood Lane and Tanner Street areas as at present large quantities of water are infiltrating into the old sewers.

The difficulties encountered with blockages and defects in combined drains and private sewers continued throughout the year; many complaints were received and much time was spent in dealing with these. In all 146 visits and inspections were made in this connection.

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The responsibility for refuse collection and disposal rests with the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. The tipping of refuse was continued into the disused workings of the Ace, Sand and Gravel Company's near Ham Road. This method of tipping into water causes special difficulties but with the mechanical control now available the incidence of nuisance has been negligible considering the many varied types of trade waste accepted by the Borough Council.

The paper sack scheme which commenced in 1961 has been continued and a further area of the town was included in the scheme during the year. New housing estates are also included in this scheme on individual completion.

### PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The public conveniences within the Borough are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department and the existing arrangements have been maintained.

A scheme has been submitted to and approved by the Council for redevelopment of the facilities at The Mount Recreation Ground, including provision for new public conveniences.

### SCHOOL SANITATION

No complaints were received during the year regarding the sanitary accommodation in schools within the Borough, all are connected to main drainage.

### HOP PICKERS CAMPS

It is estimated that 150 people resided at the two hop pickers camps in the Borough during the hop-picking season. A number of pickers provided their own accommodation in the form of modern type caravans. As more machine pickers are installed it is anticipated that in time only local labour will be required each season to harvest the hops.

### MORTUARY ACCOMMODATION

Mortuary accommodation is available at the Faversham Cottage Hospital when required.

## SECTION VII

### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

#### MILK

There are two premises now registered in the Borough as dairies - both with pasteurisation plants. This is a decrease of one over the previous year. One was removed from the register when the premises ceased to be used as a dairy, the building reverted to residential usage.

There are thirty-two premises registered for the distribution of milk, an increase of one over the previous year.

Fifty-six samples of milk were submitted to the laboratories for analysis. All were reported as satisfactory except one which was 13% deficient in fat, further samples proved satisfactory.

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSE

No progress was made during the year on the plans for modernisation of the slaughterhouse, the owner ultimately decided to withdraw the proposals and put the premises up for sale. The Borough Council negotiated the purchase of the buildings and land. It is intended to demolish the buildings and to clear the site.

#### MEAT

An explosive epidemic of typhoid fever in Aberdeen in May and June was associated with meat which had been purchased at one particular store. Suspicion as to source was subsequently linked to a 6 lb. can of corned beef.

As requested by the Ministry of Health all shops, stores and feeding establishments in the Borough were visited to trace tins bearing particular brand and factory marks. In all 98 of these tins were traced, these were subsequently returned to the wholesalers.

In connection with these investigations some 200 visits and inspections were made by the Health Department.

## OTHER FOODS

The various foodstuffs condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption were as follows:

- (a) 470 tins assorted foodstuffs.
- (b) 56 lbs pork;  
2 forequarters pork;  
6 lbs ox tongue;  
1 $\frac{3}{4}$  ox livers;  
60 lbs ox cheek;  
4 lbs frozen chicken;  
38 lbs Scotch beef.
- (c) 3 tins prawns;  
5 bags shrimps.
- (d) 25 kilos walnuts;  
1,115 nets carrots;  
26 cwt 28 lbs Cyprus carrots;  
42 cwt 104 lbs Spanish oranges;  
252 cases lettuces;  
101 cwt 28 lbs pears;  
245 cartons lemons;  
5 cwt 100 lbs lemons;  
36 trays peaches;  
17 bulk bins water melons;  
4 cwt 62 lbs runner beans;  
48 tons beetroot;  
6 cwt tomatoes.

It will be seen that large quantities of assorted foodstuffs were inspected and condemned during the year. The major part of this work was carried out at East Kent Pakcers where contaminated and damaged cargoes were sorted and repacked. The salvage from a damaged cargo may at times be as low as fifty per cent resulting in considerable wastage.

The quantities recorded above are those for which certificates of condemnation were issued, many tons of fruit and vegetables are verbally condemned as unfit. All the waste is at present taken to the Council's refuse tip where it is tipped with the household refuse. The waste material can give rise to many problems of disposal according to the type and quantity involved. For instance the 48 tons of beetroot contaminated adjoining fish ponds and emergency methods of oxygenating the water had to be devised.

## PREPARATION OF PRESERVED FOODS

Thirty-three premises are registered for the purpose of fish frying, sausage manufacture, cooking of hams, etc.

## ICE CREAM

Ice cream sold in the Borough is mainly prepacked. In all sixty-two premises are registered for the sale of ice cream.

## BAKEHOUSES

There were three small bakehouses operating during the year, one of these ceased its delivery service and it is likely that the others will in future be working at a reduced output.

## MARKET STALLS

Two regular and a few casual stallholders have operated from the Market Place during the year. The system of providing washing and toilet facilities for stallholders is working quite well and hot water is always available.

## SHELLFISH

Complaints were received from time to time about nuisance being caused by the cooking of shellfish despite warnings to the occupiers of the premises. Six premises are known to be used as bases for the sale of shellfish in this and other districts. The shellfish is normally sold at the weekends.

## FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the premises where food is sold or handled:

TABLE XIII

<u>PREMISES</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Butchers and Pork Butchers .....	13
Grocers .....	15
Fishmongers .....	4
Fish Fryers .....	5
Bakers and Confectioners .....	17
Greengrocers .....	13
Dairies .....	2
Cafes and Teashops .....	9
Hotels .....	3
General Shops .....	38
Ice Cream Premises .....	62
Preserved Foods .....	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215</b>

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Bisurated Magnesia .....	1
Bronchial Mixture .....	1
Buttered Brazils .....	1
Codeine Linctus .....	1
Currants .....	1
Curry Powder .....	1
Double Cream .....	2
Gin .....	2
Ginger Beer Shandy .....	1

ARTICLENUMBER

Horseradish Sauce .....	1
Ice Cream .....	1
Kompo .....	1
Margarine containing 10% butter .....	1
Milk .....	51
Mint in Vinegar .....	1
Mixed Spice .....	1
Oranges .....	2
Raisins .....	1
Ready Brek .....	1
Rum .....	1
Senokot .....	1
Shandy .....	1
Sponge Mixture .....	1
Steakettes .....	1
Sweet Pickle .....	1
Table Jelly (lemon flavour) .....	1
Top Deck (lemonade shandy) .....	1
Wensleydale Cheese .....	1
Whisky .....	1
White Pepper .....	1

## SUMMARY of samples

Milks .....	51
Drugs .....	5
Spirits .....	4
Other Samples ....	23
 TOTAL	 83

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With the exception of the following all samples taken by the County Sampling Officer were genuine:

SAMPLE OF	- Milk
ANALYSIS	- 13% deficient in fat
ACTION TAKEN	- Further samples satisfactory. Producer advised.

## SECTION VIII

### GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH WORKS

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE

During 1964 a total of eleven cases of dysentery were notified including four members of one large family. The usual investigations were carried out but the tracing of the source of infection was unsuccessful in all cases. The precautions advised and taken probably curtailed the spread of the infection.

There were three cases of scarlet fever notified during the year, these were of a mild character and advisory visits were made to the houses concerned.

In August a small but serious outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the night shift at a local food factory. Of the eight persons engaged on the night shift three became ill, one seriously enough to necessitate his removal to hospital. The remains of the type of food consumed were submitted to the laboratories for analysis. The laboratories at Maidstone and Canterbury Hospital were unable to isolate food poisoning organisms either from the remaining food or patients stools.

#### DISINFESTATION

Three visits were paid to verminous premises. The premises were treated with DDT spray and lindane smoke tablets.

A total of seven wasps nests were dealt with in 1964 compared with thirty-four in 1963.

#### RODENT CONTROL

The services of a part time rodent operator were used during the year to carry out surveys and treatments for rodent infestations.

Sewer treatments were carried out mainly in the older parts of the Borough.

TABLE XIV

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Local Authority	Dwelling house	Agricultural	All other including business premises	Total
1. Total number of properties in Local Authority's district	23	4,924	17	447	5,411
2. Number of Properties inspected by Local Authority	7	101	-	51	159
3. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested by rats	10	92	-	38	140
4. Number of Properties inspected found to be infested with mice	1	48	-	30	79
5. Number of Properties treated by Local Authority	11	140	-	68	219

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The three factories continued to operate at Oare Creek and a total of 126 visits were made throughout the year.

There has been a slow but steady improvement in the overall standards of hygiene and operating efficiency at the factories.

In June a serious outbreak of fire at one of the factories caused extensive damage to the cooker house, cookers and loading bay. Seven tons of fat went up in flames damaging parts of the fabric of the buildings and burning out all the electrical wiring. The factory was able to commence working on a reduced output after a break of 48 hours. Since the fire this factory has taken the opportunity to replace most of the damaged equipment with modern and new types.

The factories are of the type which do need close supervision and inspection and this is helped at all the factories by the willing co-operation of the Managements.

### LICENSED PREMISES

The slow and steady progress in bringing all the licensed premises in the Borough up to a reasonable standard was maintained during the year. In one or two cases it may be necessary to insist on faster progress.

### PETROLEUM

Early in the year the annual routine licensing inspections were made of all premises storing petroleum in the Borough. The installations were in general of good standard but the usual number of minor contraventions of the Regulations were observed and notices sent to the owners concerned. Forty-three inspections were made.

Three premises were licensed for the storage of carbide of calcium.

### FIREWORKS

During the firework season seven visits were made to premises where fireworks were being stored and sold. The premises were in all cases satisfactory.

### SHOPS ACTS

During the inspection of premises for the purposes of the Shops Acts it was necessary to serve two notices for contraventions, these were subsequently complied with.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

In addition to the primary Act which came into force during the year there has been a mass of further legislation comprising statutory instruments, circulars, supplements, accident classification codes, and so on.

It is now estimated that there will be approximately 250 premises in the Borough which will be the responsibility of the Public Health Department to inspect and control. With a staff of one Public Health Inspector it is obvious that this additional work is likely to be a heavy burden. It may be several years before the primary inspections, with notices of works and contraventions as and when they apply, can be concluded.

## SWIMMING POOL

The public swimming pool opened on the 30th May and quickly proved very popular. The pool is situated in the centre of the Town near the main car park. In addition to the main pool there is a small childrens' pool at the side.

As might have been expected with a new pool there were a number of teething troubles which were gradually sorted out as the season went on. In the light of experience it will be necessary to modify parts of the equipment and this work was commenced after the pool closed for the winter.

## NOISE COMPLAINTS

More and more complaints are being made to the Department each year about excessive noise nuisances. These are usually connected with the close proximity of business and residential premises. In most cases it is difficult to decide whether the duration and level of intensity of the noise is unreasonable and is such as to be injurious to health.

## SECTION IX

### HOUSING

1. The following is a summary of action taken under the Housing and Public Health Acts during the year:

(a) Inspections of dwelling-houses for housing defects .....	83
(b) Number of houses found to be in any respect unfit for human habitation .....	75
(c) Number of houses found to be unfit for human habitation and incapable of repair at reasonable expense .....	11
(d) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied by informal action .....	35
(e) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal orders .....	-
(f) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made .....	-
(g) Number of houses demolished by formal action .....	2
(h) Number of houses closed under Section 16(4), 17(1), 35(1) Housing Act 1957 & Section 26 Housing Act 1961 .....	8
(i) Number of houses closed under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957 .....	1
(j) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 Housing Act, 1957 .....	1

## 2. APPLICATION FOR IMPROVEMENT AND CONVERSION GRANTS

Twenty-seven schemes were submitted and approved, for which £9,440 was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme.

Twenty-one standard grants were made to a total cost of £2,850.

### 3. PROVISION OF HOUSES

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since 1947.

TABLE XV

YEAR .	COUNCIL HOUSES Permanent	POLICE HOUSES	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE	TOTAL
1947	18	-	5	23
1948	53	-	10	63
1949	71	5	10	86
1950	61	-	11	72
1951	80	2	8	90
1952	66	-	7	73
1953	60	-	10	70
1954	72	5	3	80
1955	80	-	8	88
1956	52	-	5	57
1957	62	-	24	86
1958	42	-	26	68
1959	52	-	11	63
1960	38	-	41	79
1961	26	-	76	102
1962	14	-	102	116
1963	22	-	61	83
1964	31	-	35	66
TOTALS	900	12	453	1,365

SECTION X

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Particulars in respect of Factory administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister, as follows:

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provisions as to health

PREMISES	NUMBER OF			
	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	4	2	1	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	111	23	5	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by Local Authority (including out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	115	25	6	-

## 2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M.
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)				
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	1
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(SECTION 110)

Nature of work  (1)	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110(1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council  (3)	No. of prosecut- ions for failure to supply lists  (4)
Wearing Apparel - Making etc.	-	-	-
All others	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-

Section III - Nil return

# SECTION XI

## FAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the Port which for the sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz, (a) The Eastern Section (Faversham Creek) and (b) The Western Section (Milton Creek).

### Section I - Staff

No change

### Section II - Amount of Shipping entering the district during the year:

SHIPS FROM	NUMBER	TONNAGE	NUMBER INSPECTED		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during voyage infectious disease aboard
			M.O.H.	P.H.I.	
(1) EASTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	463	72,634	Nil	1	Nil
(b) Foreign	58	12,792	Nil	5	Nil
(c) Lighters and Barges	2	243	Nil	1	Nil
(2) WESTERN SECTION					
(a) Coastwise	256	19,958	Nil	6	Nil
(b) Foreign	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Lighters and Barges	64	5,875	Nil	6	Nil
TOTALS	843	111,502	Nil	19	Nil

### Section III - Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

(1) Passenger traffic ..... Nil

(2) Cargo traffic

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Principal Imports ..... Petrol, Crude Oil,  
Grain, Timber and  
Fertilizers

Principal Exports ..... Nil

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Principal Imports ..... China Clay, Beans,  
Tomato Puree,  
Ballast, Sand

Principal Exports ..... Paper

(3) Principal Ports from which Ships arrive:

(a) EASTERN SECTION

Coastwise ..... Thames Estuary

Foreign ..... Rotterdam, Antwerp,  
Yniden, Bremen,  
Vlaardingen

(b) WESTERN SECTION

Coastwise ..... London and  
Brightlingsea

Foreign ..... Nil

### Section IV - Inland Traffic

Nil

### Section V - Water Supply

No change

Section VI - Public Health (Ships Regulations) 1952

No change

Section VII - Samllpox

No change

Section VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change

Section IX - Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Diseases dealt with during the year

Nil

Section X - Malaria

Nil

Section XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

Nil

Section XII - Measures against rodents in ships from Foreign Ports

Nil

Section XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year.

Section XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No change

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

Section XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who have died on board from infectious disease

No change

# APPENDIX "A"

## Readings recorded at the Borough Sewerage Works

Month	Rainfall (inches)		Temperatures (degrees F.)			
	1964	1963	Maximum		Minimum	
			1964	1963	1964	1963
January	1.30	1.15	51	39	17	8
February	1.57	1.07	56	42	21	15
March	2.30	3.34	60	59	23	18
April	2.42	2.30	71	72	30	30
May	1.42	2.38	82	84	39	35
June	5.18	2.65	86	82	44	47
July	0.62	1.86	87	85	47	43
August	1.05	3.00	87	81	43	43
September	0.33	2.22	83	77	39	43
October	2.19	1.38	70	67	31	39
November	2.29	4.69	59	60	25	30
December	2.15	0.76	55	47	18	15
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	22.82	26.80				
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## APPENDIX "B"

### PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VISITS

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

Complaints re houses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51
Other Complaints ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	113
Re-visits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Port Health Visits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Offensive Trades ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	126
Tents, Vans and Sheds ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Hop Pickers' Camps ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Atmospheric Pollution ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Schools ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Places of Entertainment ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Water Supply ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Drainage ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
Shops (non food) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Infectious Disease ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	118

#### HOUSING

Housing Acts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Re-visits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Verminous premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rent Act, 1957 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

#### FOOD PREMISES

Bakers and Confectioners ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Butchers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Canteens ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Dairies and Milk Distributors ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Fishmongers and Poulterers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
Fried Fish Shops ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Food Preparation Premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
Grocers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	148
Greengrocers and Fruiterers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Ice Cream Premises ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Market Stalls ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Restaurants ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39

Licensed Premises ... ..	72
Clubs ... ..	18
Schools ... ..	19
Wholesalers ... ..	16
Miscellaneous Food Premises ... ..	63

#### FACTORIES

With Power ... ..	23
Non Power ... ..	2

#### GENERAL

Rats and mice ... ..	203
Petroleum ... ..	43
Fireworks ... ..	7
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises ... ..	16

#### SAMPLES

Sewage ... ..	3
Water ... ..	15
Milk ... ..	5

	Public Health Act	Housing Acts	Food & Drugs Act	Shops Act	Factories Act
Informal Notices served	31	-	23	2	6
Informal Notices complied with	25	-	24	2	5
Statutory notices served	-	-	-	-	-
Statutory notices complied with	-	-	-	-	-

## APPENDIX "C"

The following statement shows the various types of nuisances and defects dealt with:

### HOUSING

Roofs ... ..	11
Eaves, gutters ... ..	4
Walls ... ..	16
Ceilings ... ..	10
Floors ... ..	5
Stairs . . . . .	4
Coppers, ranges and fireplaces	2
W.C.'s repaired ... ..	6
Sinks and wastepipes ... ..	3
Drainage ... ..	29
Verminous houses ... ..	3

### FOOD PREMISES

Dustbins ... ..	5
Food Protection ... ..	7
First Aid Kits ... ..	4
Notices ... ..	2
Walls, floors and ceilings	11
W.C.'s repaired ... ..	5
Basins installed ... ..	2
Hot water systems provided	5
Tables, etc. repaired ... ..	3
Sinks renewed ... ..	4
Sinks installed ... ..	2
Miscellaneous ... ..	12

### PUBLIC HEALTH

Accummulations removed ... ..	2
Moveable dwellings ... ..	9
Miscellaneous ... ..	27

